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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE FROM
THE PRESIDENT

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO
KING HUSSEIN PRIOR TO JORDAN'S MAY 25 INDEPENDENCE DAY.

QUOTE: YOUR MAJESTY:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES ON
BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION
OF JORDAN'S THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE.

WE TAKE SATISFACTION, IN OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR, IN
SALUTING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN, WITH WHOM
WE ENJOY A FRIENDSHIP MARKED BY MUTUAL RESPECT AND
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UNDERSTANDING, AND WITH WHOM WE SHARE A COMMITMENT TO SECURE

A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

I AM GRATIFIED THAT YOUR MAJESTY'S RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON AFFORDED US THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW THE IMPORTANT AND LONG-STANDING TIES THAT BIND OUR TWO NATIONS. I EARNESTLY HOPE THAT THIS TRADITIONAL RELATIONSHIP, WHICH HAS PROVED SO MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL IN THE

PAST, WILL ENDURE AND PROSPER. I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOUR MAJESTY'S WISE AND DEDICATED LEADERSHIP TO ASSIST IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK AS WELL AS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WITH EVERY BEST WISH,
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.
UNQUOTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF GOJ WISHES TO DO SO.

3. DECONTROL MAY 26, 1976. ROBINSON

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